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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was light to moderate at best, strongest for other holiday items. Food service was mixed, best into fast food channels. Supplies of whole product and wogs were in balance to tight. In the parts structure, trading was light to fair, except for wings which were tight for an extremely active call. Dark meat was adequate to close, well cleared for drums and thighs, and breast items were sufficient. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading advanced .25 cents to 68.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.75 cents last year on November 20, 2002.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	198.00
BREASTS - B/S	172.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	93.00
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	97.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Demand was fair to moderate with best movement for specials and other holiday meat items. Supplies of all sizes were close to tight and frequently being sought to cover needs. Processing schedules were mixed as some plants reduced kill this week, aiding in product shortages, and part-time next week for Thanksgiving. In the parts structure, wings continued to show strength with supplies tight and trading at higher levels. Fronts were closer balanced than the remaining breast items which were mixed, but available, and dark meat was in good balance to well cleared. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at desirable to heavy, mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate as dealers kept floor stocks in close balance with immediate needs during the holiday period. Offerings of 3.5 sizes were balanced to adequate and 3.0 weights were balanced to short. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair. The market tone was fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts remained available. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Wings, drums and thighs remained in good balance to tight.

MIDWEST Trade sentiment was steady to instances firm on whole broiler/fryers. Offerings were light and buyer interest mixed, but mostly light. Fill in trade noted on 3 pound and up wogs at 61 cents. Retail demand was slow to moderate and seasonally normal. Food service movement was in a full range, best into fast food channels. Floor stocks were mostly adequate and space was filled with holiday items. Weights were desirable to instances heavy. Trading was light on parts. Demand for wings was fair to good, supplies were tight, and the tone was firm. Demand for breast items was best where features were a factor, additional product was available and the market tone was barely steady to weak. Supplies of leg items were adequate to in close balance and the market tone was steady to firm.

WESTERN The market tone was fully steady to firm. Offerings, although moved into better balance due to reduced slaughter, was moderate to cover an only fair buyers needs. Demand by stores only fair with interest centered on Thanksgiving Day needs, fast food and restaurants fairly good. Floor stocks were generally adequate.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 11/15/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	203,470	199,041	+02
CHICKS PLACED	156,301	147,970	+06

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 203 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 15, 2003. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 6 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 156 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 15, 2003. Placements were up 6 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through November 15, 2003 were 7.66 billion, down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 26-Dec-03 is estimated at 142.5 million head. This compares to 144.2 million head the previous week and to 140.8 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 109.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 57.12 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

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F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	899	132.00-223.00	137-139	138.63
TENDERLOINS	225	140.00-214.00	145-149	151.81
BREAST - LINE RUN	90	79.00-92.00	81-83	82.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	113	35.00-50.00	35-36	37.48
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	231	26.00-29.00	26	26.40
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,342	28.00-34.00	28-30	29.39
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	94.00-99.00	95-98	97.24
WINGS (CUT)	485	104.00-116.00	-	109.79
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	929	124.00-223.00	134-137	135.04
TENDERLOINS	225	140.00-215.00	142-147	151.13
BREAST - LINE RUN	98	80.00-93.00	81-83	82.29
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	128	31.00-50.00	35-37	36.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	286	24.00-29.00	26	26.36
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,122	28.00-32.00	29	29.19
WINGS (WHOLE)	301	94.00-100.00	-	98.68
WINGS (CUT)	517	104.00-119.00	104-115	110.82
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	87	83.00-100.00	-	89.60

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
50.50 - 54.00	51.70	47.50 - 54.00	51.32	51.20

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was quiet as dealers prepared for the arrival of traditional Thanksgiving items and attempted to maintain balanced floor stocks for the holiday season. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts remained available. Bone-in breasts were sufficient. Wings were in very good balance to short. Drums and thighs continued to clear well. Retail and distributive movement was light and selective. The market tone was cautious but steady on boneless-skinless breasts, firm to fully steady on wings, and fully steady on drums and thighs.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. **NOVEMBER 18, 2003**

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	143.78	705,360
TENDERLOINS	145	142.25	176,160
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.21	148,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.93	139,200
LEGS	38-39	37.29	223,800
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.18	490,233
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.41	120,620
THIGHS	34-35	39.53	57,260
B/S THIGHS	85-86	88.34	94,006
WINGS (WHOLE)	90-91	95.88	141,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.03	27,160
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	29.34	25,785
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	64.34	22,940

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145	144.93	617,752
TENDERLOINS	145	142.42	103,500
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	79.96	156,120
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.98	91,600
LEGS	38-39	37.07	371,400
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.90	321,466
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	38.42	107,480
THIGHS	34-35	41.25	45,380
B/S THIGHS	85-86	89.70	92,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	92-93	97.84	124,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.85	30,880
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.81	14,000
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	60-65	65.23	15,640

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	11/19	11/18	11/17	11/14	11/17	11/14	11/12	11/10
ALA	3,886	3,927	3,873	4,043	5.26	5.14	3,710	5.29
ARK	5,242	5,374	5,304	4,928	5.12	4.87	5,184	5.04
DELMARVA	1,504	2,142	2,156	2,060	5.51	5.34	2,267	5.49
KY-LA-TN	1,864	1,699	1,973	1,939	4.99	4.82	1,936	5.03
MISS	2,562	2,786	2,995	2,670	5.51	5.37	2,978	5.48
NC	2,448	2,086	2,399	2,507	6.33	6.15	1,642	6.24
TEXAS	2,472	2,499	2,212	2,488	4.92	4.87	2,452	5.04
TOTAL	19,978	20,513	20,912	20,635	5.35	5.19	20,169	5.33
MON-WED 61,904 (A)					62,220 (A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11/19 is estimated to be 29,889,000 down 1.2 percent from a week ago and up 4.0 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,266,000; last year 28,731,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	60-63
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 99-100
	DRY PACK 101-103
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 105
	DRY PACK 89-105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 91
	DRY PACK 89
DUCKS	152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 22-NOV-03

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/22/03 (1)	11/15/03
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
BRO-FRY	154,774 (2)	159,199
LT HENS	1,196	1,223
HVY HENS	1,476	1,470
CHECK TOTAL	157,446	161,892

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 22-Nov-03 is 149.1 million head compared to 151.5 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 155.1 million head or 6.0 million more than estimated available. For week of 29-Nov-03 the estimated available is 149.6 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 11/17/03	157,123	46,242
AM 11/01/03	182,037	44,797
CHG	-24,914	1,445
PCT CHG	-14	3

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	11/17/03	11/11/03	11/18/02	11/17/03	11/11/03	11/18/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	16,705	16,858	15,265	3,512	3,750	5,623
LOS ANGELES	420	389	165	1,575	1,712	3,949

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2003

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	58-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-76

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 11/18/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.20	.80	.49	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	3.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	1.00
MIXED FOWL lb.	.20	.60	.41	MIXED FOWL ea.	.50	3.00
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	3.50
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	.40
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	.50
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	3.00	6.50
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	1.00	1.50
ROOSTERS lb.	.60	1.45	.90	ROOSTERS ea.	-	3.00
GEESE lb.	.45	.85	.61	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	.50	1.55	.98	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.25	1.75	.83	DUCKS ea.	1.00	5.50
RABBITS lb.	.20	1.60	1.21	RABBITS ea.	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	1.25	4.75
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	5.50
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	4.25
SILKIES ea.	-	3.00	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	164					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending November 14, 2003

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs w/ Thighs	Necks, Back Livers/ & Wings	Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	44.43	105.99	65.22	12.23	10.19	39.95
High	47.29	110.06	73.38	20.38	14.27	39.95
Mostly	46.47	105.99	69.30	14.27	10.19	39.95

SAN JUAN

Low	44.84	101.91	61.15	12.23	12.23	42.80
High	46.88	110.06	69.30	20.38	14.27	42.80
Mostly	46.47	103.95	65.22	16.31	12.23	42.80

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	45.66	105.99	61.15	12.23	10.19	40.76
High	47.29	110.06	69.30	18.34	14.27	40.76
Mostly	47.29	108.03	69.30	14.27	10.19	40.76

BECERRA

Low	45.66	105.99	65.22	16.31	8.15	40.76
High	47.69	110.06	73.38	20.38	12.23	40.76
Mostly	47.29	110.06	69.30	16.31	10.19	40.76

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was seasonally fair to good. Seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processor schedules were very light with some plants suspending operations for today. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 61 to 71 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breast were available; bone-in breasts were more than sufficient. Leg and leg quarters were adequate. Drums and thighs were adequate to well cleared. Wings were tight.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	57-75
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	63.24
NO. OF BOXES	6,323

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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